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Everybody Entitled to a Vote Should Turn Out on the 4th of August to the Primary Election.

W. H. RYAN FOR GOVERNOR.

Something About the Man Who Asks the Democratic Nomination.

Three gentlemen have filed petition with the secretary of state asking for the Democratic nomination for governor. They are W. H. Ryan, of Girard, J. D. Bolkin, of Winfield, and Russell Harrison, of Selden. All of them are good first class men, and would make good governors. However, as a plain Democratic voter we have our preference in this matter, and that preference is for W. H. Ryan, of Girard. We have known Mr. Ryan personally for a number of years. We have known him in politics and in other walks of life. And always have we found him to be a man of honor, integrity, and ability. A man who will deliberate before arriving at a conclusion over any particular point, and not jump at a conclusion.

During his service as a member of the lower house of the legislature and as a member of the state senate, we have found his record to be good. We have never heard it charged that he stood in with the corporations as against the people, but have always heard him spoken of as legislating in the interests of his constituents, and



W. H. Ryan.

his district is a strong labor district. The Girard Independent News speaks of Mr. Ryan in the following manner:

Six years ago Mayor W. H. Ryan moved to our city and in 1903 was elected mayor of this city. In 1907 he was reelected mayor of Girard, the county seat of Crawford county.

W. H. Ryan was born in Omaha, Neb., August 15, 1857. In 1870 he came to Kansas with his parents, locating in Neosho county. The next year he moved to Crawford county, broke prairie with an older brother, on the southwest quarter of section 1, in Grant township. He lived in that neighborhood until about six years ago, struggling with the real problems of life in sunny Kansas, first as a farmer, then as a stockman, merchant, grain dealer, and now as a lawyer. He conducted business in Brazilton for over twenty years, starting as he did in a small way, he built up a business amounting to over \$50,000 per annum, which shows his abilities as a successful manager are not lacking. His capital to start on was mostly pluck, and he has made a success. Two of his sons are now engaged in business at Brazilton, while others are engaged in farming.

In public life Mr. Ryan has always taken an active part. He was postmaster at Brazilton in 1882. In 1892 he was elected to the legislature and took a prominent part in the historic legislation of 1893, being elected temporary speaker on the fusion side. In 1896 he was elected to the senate and served three sessions as chairman of the committee of mines and mining and was the author of the bill giving miners the right to elect the state mine inspector instead of being appointed by the governor.

That year he supported W. A. Harris for the U. S. senate, and has always been affiliated with the Democratic party.

He is an ardent supporter of William Jennings Bryan, and was elected alternate to the Democratic convention at Denver, and is a candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket this year. He is a member of the Crawford

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

It is Up to the Voters as to What Beneficial Results Will Follow.

The time for holding the primary election is close at hand, and we sincerely trust that every one entitled to cast a vote will turn out and vote. We hope this for the reason that only in that way will we be giving the law a fair test. We have been asking for the law, now let us see what it can do for us.

In spite of the great amount of space that has been used in writing about this law, and the vast amount of air consumed in talking about it, there are still some people who ask when the conventions are to be held. There are to be no conventions. The candidates for the various offices have been filed, and on the fourth day of August every voter in the county has a right to go to the polls in his precinct, call for a ticket of the party with which he has been affiliating, and vote for the men in his own part whom he desires to be placed on his party's ticket. Then comes the battle royal.

It has been claimed that boss rule, the naming of the candidates by the few, the packing of caucuses and of conventions in the interests of certain interests would be knocked out by the primary law, and we sincerely believe they will, but to do so we must go to the polls and vote. Thus will be accomplished what the law seeks to bring about. A full vote means a fair trial of the law, and a light vote means no trial.

There are a number of points to be remembered in this connection. In the first place no Democrat can assist a Republican friend to get a nomination by voting him, or can a number of Democrats nominate the Republican ticket. When you call for your ticket you must give the party with which you affiliate, and if you give the name of a party that the watcher know you have not been with, you are apt to get into trouble, and will have to swear your vote in. Neither can you take your party ticket and vote in the blank space for a Republican for a certain office. It won't count. He will be counted as a Democrat candidate. (We are using the parties for illustration. It will work either way). You will also lose your vote if you have signed petitions for more than one man for the same office, in different parties. In short, you must be a straight party man to get a vote, or call for an independent ballot, which means a blank one, and then write the names of your candidates.

In voting, you vote the same as in the general election by making a cross mark in the square after the names of your candidates that you wish to support. When you go to the polls on election day you will find full instructions posted up. Read them carefully.

We wish to urge upon the people of the county, irrespective of party, to make a point to vote at the primary. We full well realize that this is the busy season of the year, but this is the first year for the primary, and we should give it a fair trial. This can only be done by every one going out and voting. Be sure to go.

county bar, being admitted ten years ago by Judge Simons, with authority also to practice in the Supreme Court. He is fearless and honest in the discharge of his duties in both private and public matters. A strong believer in the enforcement of all laws, including the old soldier law. He has appointed three soldiers to good positions as city officials, regardless of political affiliations.

He is state chairman of the Democratic party, and managed the Harris campaign in 1906, being the first campaign manager to publish the receipts and expenditures of campaign expenses. This act is being endorsed by both Taft and Bryan, but was defeated from becoming a law in the last congress.—Girard Independent.

As stated in the beginning, any of the men mentioned would make good candidates. But personally we prefer Mr. Ryan, shall support him in the primary, and shall be highly pleased at his nomination. Our friends can follow suit if they choose, or support the other candidates.

BIDDING FOR COLORED VOTE.

So No Southern Man Will Get the Position of Chairman.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 20:—According to Democratic leaders who have been to Fairview and conferred with Bryan, the ability of the Democratic party to secure the negro vote in Ohio in the coming election will depend largely upon the attitude of the speaker. So long as he remains outside the Republican breastworks, at least as regards Taft, the Democrats feel assured of a large negro support in that state. The chairmanship of the national committee will not go to a southern man because of the attitude of the southerners towards the negro. Although Bryan thinks very highly of Ollie James, the brilliant Kentucky congressman, whose name was mentioned for the place, the position taken by James some time ago in favoring negro disfranchisement makes his appointment out of the question.

CITED FOR CONTEMPT.

Labor Leaders Have Been Summoned For Continuing a Boycott.

Washington, July 20:—President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and John Mitchell, of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, were today cited to answer contempt charge in violating a court injunction forbidding them for continuing the boycott against the Buck Stove and Range Co.

The Balloons All Lit.

St. Paul, July 20:—All the balloons which started from St. Paul Saturday in an effort to surpass the world's distance and endurance record have landed.

The balloon Pommerin, landed at 10:30 Sunday at Warsaw, Minnesota. Before it was known how far the Pommerin had traveled it was generally conceded it had won the race by the aeronaut who had returned to St. Paul.

Wedding Bells.

On Wednesday, the 15th, Judge Torrey pronounced the words that united for this life Miss Clara Henning and Mr. Herman J. Warnken, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. Miss Henning is the daughter of W. F. Henning, of Great Bend township, and is a young lady who has won many friends in the years in which she has grown to womanhood in that locality. Mr. Warnken is one of the hustling young men of the Helzer locality, where he has always been considered an honorable and upright citizen, with scores of friends. We join their many friends in wishing them unbounded joy and happiness.

Teachers Association Meetings.

Jas. Freer, President, Will Billups Vice President; and Miss Kate Keen, Secretary, of the Barton County Teachers Association held a meeting with County Superintendent Opie Saturday afternoon for the purpose of outlining programs for the various sessions during the coming school year, and to fix the dates of the meetings. The dates agreed upon are as follows: October 17th, Great Bend. December 12th, Holsington. January 26th, Ellinwood. March 8th, Great Bend. Every effort will be made by the officers of the association to make the work of the coming year a success in every way.

The Platforms.

The national campaigns are always fought on the merits of the respective platforms of the political parties, although many times the personality of the candidate enters into the contest. The study of the platforms of the two leading parties at least should be the duty of every one, that they may all vote intelligently.

Without any comment from us, but that members of both the Republican and Democratic parties may locate themselves, we offer in this issue the complete platforms of both parties. Read them through and then figure how you want to vote. And by the way, to fortify yourself in arguments in the future of this campaign, it might not be a bad idea for you to lay away this issue of the Rustler so that you may have the platform to refer to.

HITS THE INJUNCTION PLANK.

Action by the Supreme Court Against Labor Leaders Favors Bryan.

Fairview, Lincoln, July 21:—Mr. Bryan is taking the keenest interest in the action of Justice Anderson, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in indicting Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt in the case of the American Federation of Labor and the officers of the Buck Stove & Range Co. The case is one which comes directly in the purview of the plank of the Denver platform, and it is believed that it will be seized upon by Mr. Bryan as an illustration of the need of a law which will accord accused men in similar cases a trial by jury.

A part of the forenoon today was spent by Mr. Bryan in making three minute speeches into phonographs on the leading issues of the day. The records will be reproduced and distributed throughout the county.

WISCONSIN MAN STRICKEN.

Former Senator Has a Stroke Which May Mean Death.

Madison, Wis., July 20:—William F. Vilas, former United States senator from this state, and a member of President Cleveland's cabinet today suffered a hemorrhage of the brain and his condition is said to be serious.

Smashed the Wagon.

A team belonging to the Forest Ave. butcher shop took a notion about six o'clock Saturday evening that it was quitting time, and started on a hike down Williams Ave. At the corner of Lakin they turned rather sharp result, one wagon box dumped into the street and more or less damaged. They continued east, leaving parts of the wagon on the route as markers to return by, and came to a halt near the Baptist church corner. One of the horses here delighted the assembled multitude by turning a summersault. No damage was done to the team, but almost a new wagon will be necessary.

District Court.

An adjourned term of the district court convened this morning with Judge Brinkerhoff on the bench.

The case of Ed Bockemuhl, growing out of the Ellinwood bank failure, was called for trial this afternoon. The defendant is represented by D. A. Wanta, and F. V. Russell is assisting in the prosecution. The following jurors have been named to try the case: J. W. Drake, J. W. Logan, P. P. Kingston, Ora Fall, A. D. Avery, Wm. All, J. F. Fenn, G. N. Bicknell, H. J. Campbell, C. B. Coss, Albert Burgtoff, Ed Baier.

Rollen Smith vs. Grace Smith, divorce grant.

Maude Day vs. W. B. Day, divorce granted plaintiff.

State vs. Porter, plea of guilty entered and second counts dismissed.

Improved Seed Wheat.

Farmers will be glad to learn that the Kansas Agricultural College is prepared this year to distribute, directly and indirectly, 10,000 bushels of improved seed wheat. In the last three years over 3,000 bushels have been sent out by the college and now about forty growers in various counties have seed for sale. The wheat this year will be of the following varieties: Kharkov, Maalkoff, Turkey, Bearhead, Fife and Defiance, all hard wheats; and Fultz, Zimmerman, Fulcaster and Mediterranean, soft wheats for eastern Kansas; also about 1,000 bushels of Tennessee winter barley for eastern Kansas. The college wheat, thoroughly cleaned and graded, will cost \$2.00 per bushel, f. o. b., including sacks. Wheat from growers in the various parts of the state, well cleaned, will in most cases be sold at \$1.50 per bushel, practically as good wheat, although possibly not so well graded. It is the intention this year to arrange for a very wide distribution and only fifty bushels will be sent to a county, and at first only five bushels to any one farmer.

Address all correspondence to J. H. Miller, Supt. Farmer's Institutes, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas.

STANDARD'S CASE REMANDED.

Famous Nine Million Dollar Case to Be Tried Once More.

Chicago, July 22:—By an unanimous opinion in the United States court of appeals for the seventh district, the famous case of the government against the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, in which the latter was fined twenty-nine million, two hundred and forty thousand dollars by Judge Landis, in the United States district court, must be retried. The decision is concurred in by Judges Baker and Seaman, and was delivered here today by Judge Grosscup who wrote the opinion. The concluding sentence of the opinion reads: "The judgment of the district court is reversed, and the case remanded with instructions to grant a new trial, and proceed further in accordance with this opinion."

The opinion begins with a brief account of the manner in which the case was brought from the district court to the court of appeals. Section six, of the interstate commerce act, relating to publishing and filing rates is quoted. There are one hundred and sixty nine assignments of error, taking up sixty seven pages of the printed record.

The opinion continues, maintaining that "The interstate commerce act was intended to promote, not to restrain trade and commerce. To secure fair dealing in commerce through uniformity, not to put obstructions in the way of commerce."

Fairview, Lincoln, July 22:—Not in some time has news of such importance reached here as that containing the announcement from Chicago that the fine of twenty nine million dollars imposed upon the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, by Judge Landis, had been set aside by the appellate court. Mr. Bryan, when apprised of the decision, seemed astonished and was eager to know the grounds upon which it was based. He would not permit himself to be drawn into a discussion of the case.

The court remarks a number of nice judicial questions raised in the case. "The most we can say," the opinion reads, "is that the tariff rate question is one upon which judges after full discussion might very reasonably disagree. The error of the trial court in taking away from the plaintiff in error its right to submit to the jury the whole question whether it had knowledge of the tariff sheet from which it is said to have accepted concession and therefore with intent to violate honest belief that it was a lawful rate is an error that rises into one solid substance."

COST OF HAYWOOD TRIAL.

At the convention of the Miners Federation Figures Are Given.

Denver, Colo., July 16:—The annual report of Ernest Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners which was submitted to the convention Wednesday shows that the organization lost five thousand members during the last year. The total membership on January 1st, this year, was thirty-eight thousand, one hundred and sixteen. Mr. Mills attributes the loss of membership to the existing industrial conditions. \$189,589 were expended in defense of Haywood, Moyer, Pettibone, and Adams, charged with murder. During the year outside contributions were made to the defense fund to the amount of \$79,451. Six new locals were organized during the year, and twenty nine others disbanded or affiliated with some other union.

Bishop Potter Dead.

Cooperstown, N. Y., July 22:—Bishop Henry Codman Potter, of the Episcopal diocese of New York, died here to night after a long illness.

Don't Fail To Vote At The Primary.

Every person who claims to bear allegiance to a political party should be sure to attend the election on primary day and vote. The number of votes cast in each party regulates the number of district committeemen from this county, and that may mean a considerable. Anyhow, give the primary law a fair test, and every one turn out.

ST. ROSE HOSPITAL.

An Institution That Has Made Rapid Strides in Its Existence.

On Saturday evening we were accorded the privilege by Sister Loretto the sister in direct charge of the hospital in this city, to be shown through the new addition, now nearing completion.

It will be remembered that about five years ago this institution was started in a little frame house, rented for that purpose, close to the convent. In a few months it was found necessary to seek other quarters, and through the generosity of the people of this community, and the handsome offer of G. N. Moses, the Moses or Helzer residence was purchased and turned over to the sisters, who slightly remodeled the same and fitted it up as a first class hospital. This institution has continued to grow, and now an addition that will cost when completed right at \$20,000, is being built. This addition will contain thirteen rooms, two wards capable of accommodating nine beds, a chapel, five bath rooms, large operating room, and other rooms and closets necessary for the work of the hospital. It contains an elevator, and will be heated by steam. The operating room will be one of the finest in the western part of the state, and will be strictly up-to-date in every respect. The building is of brick, two stories and basement. The latter with a cement floor, and the inside work is pure white. Various business and professional men of the city have undertaken to furnish rooms thus relieving the sisters of this expense. When all completed and used in connection with the old part of the hospital, they will have accommodations for about thirty-five patients. The institution had been very much crowded. They have been having on an average about fifteen cases all summer.

The porch of the old building has been torn away, a fine wide cement floor porch has been added, which can accommodate a number of chairs for patients who are convalescing. This is another great improvement.

This is an institution of which our city may be proud, and for which the citizens have a right to be thankful. It has done worlds of good. The sisters are at all times willing to labor in the interests of others, and have built up a reputation here that will be sustained, and which should be the envy of others who are in the same work. Mighty oaks from little acorns grow, and this is a similar case. While we trust that our friends will be spared a trip to the institution for treatment, we nevertheless wish those in charge every success.

KEARSARGE HAS ACCIDENT.

Bursting of a Steam Pipe Seriously Injures Five of Her Crew.

Honolulu, July 20:—By the bursting of a steam pipe of the forward starboard boiler on the battleship Kearsarge, of the Atlantic fleet, five of the fire room crew were seriously injured. The accident occurred late Saturday, but the news of the same did not become generally known until this morning. The fires were drawn and the steam plant was disabled for nine hours.

Independent Voters in The Primary.

The question has been asked us, if a voter, who calls himself an Independent voter, could call for a blank ticket, and mark the names of candidates for various offices and vote for them, that appear on the regular ballots. The foregoing rule, taken from our exchanges and doubtless compiled by authority, would answer the question in the negative:

If you are an independent and not a party voter, ask for a blank ticket and write in the names of whomsoever you please and make a cross (X) mark after their names; but any vote cast by you shall not be counted to add to the votes of party candidates. Independent voters have naught to do with the nomination of party candidates. You are entitled to vote for three justices of the supreme court, three candidates for railroad commissioners, two candidates for justices of the peace, and two candidates for constables. Vote only for one candidate for any other office.